

Sinclair Broadcasting is planning on forcing (regardless of community standards or preference) the broadcast of a political attack ad that is couched as a documentary. This is electioneering and should required equal time for the opposing view at the same quality of viewership time.

Under previous regulation, we had a more educated electorate making decisions about our elections based in part on coverage in newspapers and television stations. Newspapers were not allowed to merge removing any diversity of thought from the local print media. Television stations could not own newspapers and therefore control the message in a community. Television stations airing political materials had to give equal time to the opposing view.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One sided political mandates from a conglomerate are not in the public interest. If the organization would agree to also air "Uncovered" which is a documentary about the failures of the Bush administration, that might give equal access.

I hope that your agency will show broadcasters that are not delivering unbiased or at least balanced coverage that it is not in the public interest and therefore they will not be relicensed.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.